

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 12-60924

SHERMAN SLAUGHTER, *pro se*

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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**ORDER DENYING  
DEBTOR'S MOTION TO REOPEN CASE**

This case is before the Court on a motion filed by the Debtor entitled "Motion to Reopen Case" (Docket # 52, the "Motion"). In his Motion, the Debtor states that he seeks to reopen the bankruptcy case for the purpose of allowing him to redeem his vehicle. On the same day that the Debtor filed his Motion, he filed another motion, entitled "Motion for Authority to Redeem Personal Property and Approval of Associated Financing and Attorney fees under 11 U.S.C. 722. (Docket # 53, the "Second Redemption Motion"). Under his Second Redemption Motion, the Debtor seeks to redeem a 2011 Ford Econoline vehicle with a redemption value determined not to be more than \$15,390.00. The Court concludes that the Motion must be denied.

Reopening this case would serve no legitimate purpose. The Debtor's Second Redemption Motion cannot be granted, but rather would have to be denied, because it is: (1) untimely, having been filed 11 months after the bankruptcy case was closed; and (2) barred by *res judicata* and the law of the case, because on January 14, 2013, this Court previously denied the Debtor's *first*, identical motion to redeem the 2011 Ford Econoline vehicle for the same amount of \$15,390.00. As the Debtor well knows, the Court made the first ruling after holding an evidentiary hearing and finding that for redemption purposes the value of the vehicle was \$40,000.00 (Docket ## 13, 41). The Debtor's Second Redemption Motion clearly is without merit, and in fact, is frivolous.

For these reasons, the Court concludes that the Motion fails to demonstrate that there is cause to reopen the case. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion (Docket # 52) is denied.

**Signed on June 30, 2014**

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker  
**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**